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In re application of: BAILEY et al.

Attorney Docket No.: LAM1P130/P0566

Application No.: 09/536,000

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
VARYING A MAGNETIC FIELD TO
CONTROL A VOLUME OF A PLASMA

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AMENDMENT B TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	27	MINUS	27	0	x 9 =	x 18 = \$0
Independent Claims	3	MINUS	3	0	x 40 =	x 80 = \$0
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$135.00	\$270.00
				Total	\$	\$0

- Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. LAM1P130).
- Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
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AMENDMENT (B) AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 15, and 28 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A plasma processing apparatus for processing a substrate, comprising:
a process chamber, defined at least in part by a top end and a bottom end and a wall extending between the top end and the bottom end, within which a plasma is ignited and sustained for said processing;
a magnetic array having a plurality of magnetic elements that are disposed around the periphery of said process chamber around the outside of said wall, said plurality of magnetic elements being configured to produce a magnetic field establishing a plurality of cusp patterns on said wall, and wherein each of the plurality of magnetic elements spans substantially from the top end to the bottom end of the process chamber; and